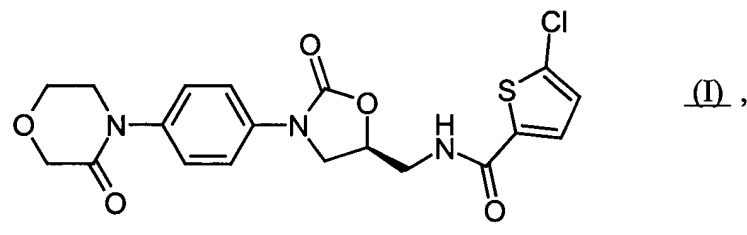


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing 5-chloro-*N*-({(*S*)-2-oxo-3-[4-(3-oxo-4-morpholinyl)phenyl]-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)-2-thiophenecarboxamide of the formula (I)



characterized in that comprising

preparing 5-chlorothiophene-2-carbonyl chloride (IV) ~~is prepared~~ in a first step by chlorinating 5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxylic acid ; ~~and is then~~

reacting said 5-chlorothiophene-2-carbonyl chloride (IV) ~~reacted~~ in a second step with (2*S*)-3-aminopropane-1,2-diol hydrochloride (VII) to give *N*-((*S*)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (VIII) ; ~~which is then~~

converting said *N*-((*S*)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (VIII) ~~converted~~ in a third step to *N*-((*S*)-3-bromo-2-hydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (IX) ; ~~which is then~~

converting said N-((S)-3-bromo-2-hydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (IX)
~~converted~~ in a fourth step by reacting with 4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-morpholinone (III) to N-
 {(R)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-
 carboxamide (X) ; and ~~which is then~~

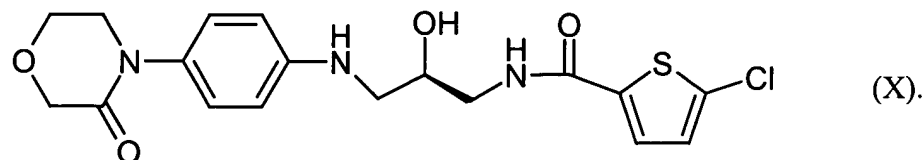
reacting said N-{(R)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-
chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (X) ~~reacted~~ in a fifth step with phosgene or a phosgene
 equivalent.

2. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing N-((S)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (VIII), comprising reacting ~~characterized in that~~ 5-chlorothiophene-2-carbonyl chloride (IV) ~~is reacted~~ with (2S)-3-aminopropane-1,2-diol hydrochloride (VII).
3. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing N-((S)-3-bromo-2-hydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (IX) comprising reacting ~~from~~ N-((S)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (VIII) with hydrobromic acid in acetic acid .
4. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing N-{(R)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (X), comprising reacting ~~characterized in that~~ N-((S)-3-bromo-2-hydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (IX) ~~is reacted~~ with 4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-morpholinone (III).
5. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing 5-chloro-N-({(5S)-2-oxo-3-[4-(3-oxo-4-morpholinyl)phenyl]-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)-2-thiophenecarboxamide of the formula (I), comprising reacting ~~characterized in that~~ N-{(R)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-

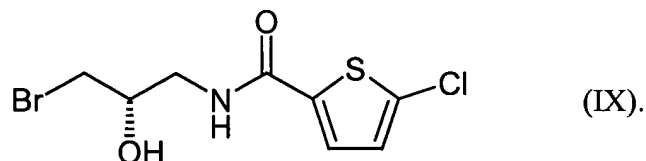
yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (X) ~~is reacted~~ with phosgene or a phosgene equivalent.

6. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the phosgene equivalent is N,N-carbonyldiimidazole.
7. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that from 1.1 to 1.3 equivalents of N,N-carbonyldiimidazole are used.
8. (Currently Amended) The process of as claimed in claim 5 ~~one of claims 5 to 7~~ , wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the reaction takes place in a solvent mixture of 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone and toluene.
9. (Currently Amended) The process of as claimed in claim 5 ~~one of claims 5 to 8~~ , further comprising preparing said ~~characterized in that the~~ N-((R)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (X) ~~is prepared~~ by reacting N-((S)-3-bromo-2-hydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (IX) with 4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-morpholinone (III).
10. (Currently Amended) The process of as claimed in claim 9 , further comprising preparing ~~characterized in that~~ the N-((S)-3-bromo-2-hydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (IX) ~~is prepared by converting~~ by reacting N-((S)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (VIII) ~~→~~ with hydrobromic acid in acetic acid .
11. (Currently Amended) The process of as claimed in claim 10 , further comprising preparing said ~~characterized in that the~~ N-((S)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (VIII) ~~is prepared~~ by reacting 5-chlorothiophene-2-carbonyl chloride (IV) with (2S)-3-aminopropane-1,2-diol hydrochloride (VII).

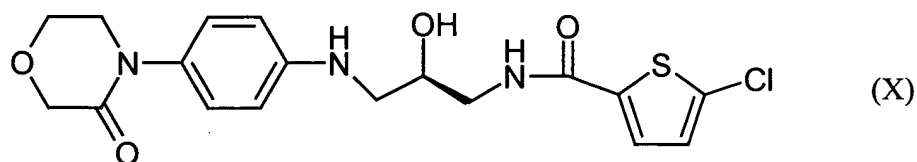
12. (Original) N- $\{(R)$ -2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide of the formula (X)



13. (Original) N- $((S)$ -3-Bromo-2-hydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide of the formula (IX)



14. (New) The process of claim 3 or 10, wherein N- $((S)$ -2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide (VIII) is reacted with hydrobromic acid in acetic acid in the presence of acetic anhydride.
15. (New) N- $\{(R)$ -2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide of the formula (X)



produced in accordance with the process of claim 4.

16. (New) A composition consisting essentially of N- $\{(R)$ -2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(3-oxomorpholin-4-yl)phenylamino]propyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxamide of the formula (X)

